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Introduction

Based on Ethnobotanical surveys since year 1990 in different parts of India Pankaj Oudhia has documented vital information about Medicinal Plants mentioned in the famous publication by Kirtikar and Basu (1918). Through this research document Pankaj Oudhia has tried to present original document with additional notes. For complete paper with pictures, Interactive Tables, Video and Audio clips please visit pankajoudhia.com

For original publication by Kirtikar and Basu (1918) please visit <https://archive.org/details/inianmedicinalp01kirt>

716. *Myrsine africana*, Linn, h.f.b.l, hi. 511.

Vern. : — Bebrang, kakhum, kokhuri, gngul, bandaru, atuljan

(Pb.) ; Guvaini, Pahari cha, Chapra (U. P.)

Habitat: — Himalaya, from Kashmir and the Salt Range to

Nepal.

A small, evergreen, pubescent shrub, sometimes soft. Bark thin, dark-brown, with large lenticels. Wood light-brown, moderately hard. Bractlets and petioles ferruginous-pubescent. Leaves nearly sessile, lanceolate, f-lin., sharply toothed, midrib prominent. Flowers nearly sessile, small in axillary fascicles ; in clusters of 3-8, less than \wedge in. diam. Calyx and Corolla 4-lobed, 5-merous. Stamens 4. Anthers exceeding corolla, style short ; stigma capitate, covered with minute protuberances. Berry dotted with red glands, usually solitary, smooth, says Kanjilal ; T V n - diam., swelling when full ripe. Berry, says Clarke, i-g-in. diam. ; style branches 2-4, spatulate.

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Use : — Fruit used as an anthelmintic (especially for tape-worm), sold under the name of Bebrang, and often used as a substitute for that of Samara Ribes (Stewart).

[Pankaj Oudhia's Comment: *In treatment of different types of skin diseases Myrsine fruits are used both internally as well as externally. I have collected information about over 18000 Formulations in which fruits are added as tertiary ingredient. In over 15000 Formulations roots are*

added as nonary ingredient. These Formulations are used for bone and blood related diseases. All parts are added as single remedy and as quinary ingredient in over 10000 Formulations. Please see Tables Myrsine-1 to Myrsine-88 for details.]

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It is also laxative in dropsy and colic. The gum of this plant is a warm remedy for dysmenorrhea (Balfour).

Continued use is said to produce a high-colored state of urine.

E-documents on Myrsine

<http://ecoport.org/ep?SearchType=earticleList&Author=oudhia&...>

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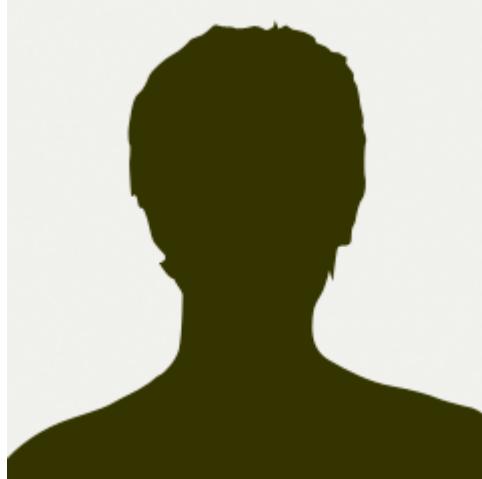
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